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Drainage scheme for the Tellicherry Municipality

* 2372 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Tellicherry Municipal Council and from M.L.As. of North Malabar urging the immediate taking up of a drainage scheme for the Tellicherry Municipality; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

Language used in Commercial Tax appeals

* 2373 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have changed the rule that appeals to Commercial Tax Officers against the assessment of sales tax should be filed in English?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The Government have examined the question and consider that no amendment is necessary to the rule which requires that appeals against assessment to the Commercial Tax Officer should be written in English.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Sir, the Government have ambitious proposals for introducing the regional languages even for higher studies in our State and also for State administration. That being the case, will the Government make a humble beginning in this regard by allowing the ignorant and illiterate persons to file appeals in the regional language?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I have made a detailed statement on this question at the last sitting of the House.

Absorption of the Wynaad Highway Gang Workers in the permanent cadre.

* 2374 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 43 (unstarred) given on 7th February 1955 the decision of the Government in regard to the question of absorption of the Wynaad Highway Gang Workers into the permanent cadre?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : In February 1955, it was stated that the proposal to provincialise the services of Road Inspectors in the Highways Department was under the consideration of the Government. It has since been decided to defer the proposal and to consider it in connection with the Budget for 1956–57. The Government have also decided to take up the general question of permanent retention of temporary workers in the Highways Department